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Idaho Potato Stocks Down 20 Percent from Last Year

Potato stocks held by growers, dealers, and processors in Idaho on April 1 totaled 42.5 million cwt, 10.5 million cwt less than on hand April 1, 2010. This is the lowest April 1 stocks level since 1990. Disappearance, at 71.9 million cwt is down from last year's 79.5 million cwt. Stocks in the 10 Southwest counties totaled 1.50 million cwt, down from last year's 2.00 million cwt. The Other counties' stocks, at 41.0 million cwt, were down from the 51.0 million cwt stored on April 1, 2010. Processors in Idaho and Malheur County, Oregon used 6.94 million cwt of 2010 crop raw potatoes during March, down 2.9 percent from March 2010. Processors in Idaho and Malheur County, Oregon have used 46.2 million cwt of 2010 crop raw potatoes to April 1, down 6.1 percent from last year. Idaho potatoes accounted for 40.3 million cwt of the total processed. The remaining 5.84 million cwt were produced in other states.

Nationally, the 13 major potato States held 106 million cwt of potatoes in storage April 1, 2011, down 18 percent from a year ago. Potatoes in storage accounted for 30 percent of the 2010 fall storage States' production, four percentage points below April 1, 2010. Potato disappearance, at 246 million cwt, was 4 percent below April 1, 2010. Season-to-date shrink and loss, at 20.4 million cwt, was down 16 percent from the same date in 2010. Processors in the 9 major States have used 127 million cwt of potatoes this season, up 2 percent from the same period last year. Dehydrating usage accounted for 19.5 million cwt of the total processing, down 16 percent from last year.

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